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## Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

## Re: Ex Parte Presentation

Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 12-70; Fixed and Mobile Services in the Mobile Satellite Service Bands at 1525-1559 MHz and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz, 1610-1626.5 MHz and 2483.5-2500 MHz, 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz, ET Docket No. 10-142; Service Rules for Advanced Wireless Services in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 04-356.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On August 9, 2012, Daniel Hesse, the chief executive officer of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint"), had a telephone conversation with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski to discuss the PCS H Block at 1915-1920 MHz and 1995-2000 MHz, the J Block at 2020-2025 MHz and 2175-2180 MHz, and the 2 GHz mobile-satellite service or AWS-4 spectrum at 2000-2020 MHz and 2180-2200 MHz.

Mr. Hesse encouraged the Commission to conclude the long-pending service rules proceeding for the PCS H Block and the nearby J Block, auction the spectrum through competitive bidding, and allow the license winners to deploy the currently idle spectrum for mobile broadband use. Of the limited spectrum allocations available in the United States, only the PCS H Block is entirely cleared of incumbents, paired as expansion spectrum with the core PCS band, and available for immediate wireless broadband use.

Mr. Hesse noted that competitive bidding for this valuable wireless broadband spectrum achieves numerous public policy benefits, including quickly introducing additional spectrum into the wireless broadband ecosystem, ensuring timely reimbursement of the approximately \$190 million in clearing costs owed to Sprint as a result of Sprint's having relocated broadcast auxiliary incumbents from the band, and generating additional revenue for the United States Treasury. Under recently enacted legislation, moreover, Congress has directed the FCC to auction the H Block by no later than 2015 unless the spectrum causes harmful interference to PCS licensees.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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